



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

May 18, 2015

Gretchen Pfahler, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: 1337 Connecticut Ave HPRB

Dear Chairwoman Pfahler,

At its regular meeting on May 13, 2015, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of 7-0.

Whereas the applicant at 1337 Connecticut Avenue proposes a hotel and restaurant; and

Whereas an entrance of the hotel will be accessed via ten steps on 18th Street; and

Whereas to maintain ADA accessibility and ease of access for guests using roll-aboard suitcases, the applicant may require a lift in public space; and

Whereas a lift in public space was not presented to ANC 2B; and

Whereas the hotel proposes the existence of 16 terraces for hotel guests, many of which overlook a residential building across 18th Street; and

Whereas the current plans for the entrance on 18th Street indicate a door on the second floor above the entrance level;

Therefore be it RESOLVED ANC 2B supports the 7th story addition.

Be it further RESOLVED ANC 2B does not support the implication of a lift in public space in a historic district, and would only potentially support a lift if presented to HPRB and the ANC at a later time with detailed drawings.

Be it further RESOLVED ANC 2B requests the applicant remove unnecessary items such as the second floor door above the entrance on 18th Street before any future ANC request.

Commissioners Justine Underhill (justine.underhill@dupontcircleanc.net), Abigail Nichols (abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net) and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "N" and "S".

Noah Smith
Chairman

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